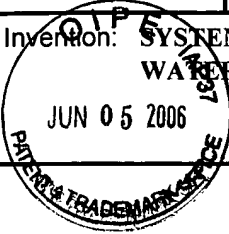
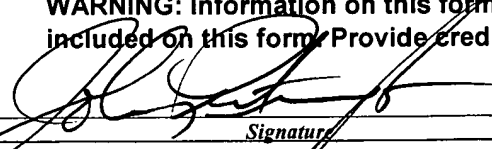
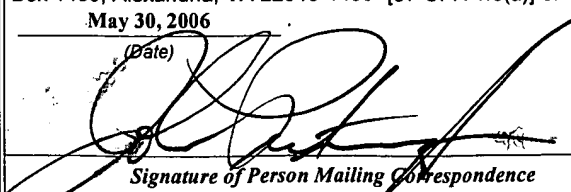


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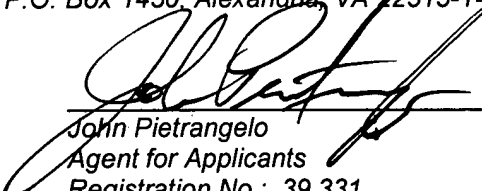
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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

#### Introductory Comments

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on February 27, 2006 for the above-identified U.S. patent application. The three-month period for response to the Action expires on May 27, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on or before Tuesday, May 30, 2006, following Saturday, May 27, 2006, and Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. No Amendments have been made. **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.